

# **Kentucky e-Health Network Board**

## **July 2, 2008**

### **Minutes**

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**Meeting No. 25**

**Capitol Annex – Room 129**

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Dr. Larry Cook, Co-Chair – University of Louisville  
Dr. David Bensema – Kentucky Medical Association  
David Bolt – Physician Practice Managers  
John Burkholder, Acting Commissioner – Kentucky Department of Insurance  
Ron Carson, Proxy for Interim Council President Dr. Richard Crofts – Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Murray Clark – Kentucky Hospital Association  
Senator Julie Denton – Senate  
Angie Fain, Proxy for Dr. Ford Brewer – Associated Industries of Kentucky  
Dr. William Hacker, Commissioner – Kentucky Department of Public Health  
Bruce Klockars – Kentucky Hospital Association & Rural Hospitals  
Brett McDonald, Proxy for Jim Barnhart – Commonwealth Office of Technology  
Janna Meek, Proxy for Jack Lord – Health Insurance Business Headquartered in Kentucky  
Janie Miller, Secretary – Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Warren Nash, Proxy for Deborah Clayton – Kentucky Department of Commercialization & Innovation  
Reina Diaz-Dempsey, Proxy for Commissioner Johnson – Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services  
Dr. Kimberly Williams – Kentucky Medical Association

#### **Others Present:**

Steve Nunn, Deputy Secretary – Cabinet for Health & Family Services

#### **Absent:**

Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair – University of Kentucky  
Barbara Haunz Asher – Citizen at Large  
Rep. Bob DeWeese – House of Representatives  
Larry Mott – Business with Large Scale e-Strategy & Computer Information Technology  
Senator Katie Stine – Senate  
Rep. Tommy Thompson – House of Representatives

#### **Staff:**

Barbara Baker, Policy Advisor  
Laura Cole, Project Manager  
April Smith, Project Manager  
Donna Veno, Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Larry Cook, Co-Chair. Dr. Cook announced that Senator Julie Denton is replacing Senator Roeding and Larry Mott, employed by UPS and representing businesses engaged in large-scale e-strategy and computer information technology is also joining the Board.

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

#### **Review and Approval of April Board Minutes**

Ron Carson moved to approve the June board minutes; Dr. Hacker seconded the motion. Dr. Cook reviewed the June minutes with the Board which included an introduction of new members Senator Katie Stine and David Bolt, a report on the E-Health Summit which will be linked to the KMA Fall

meeting, a report on the RFI related to health information technology, and remarks from Lt. Governor Mongiardo regarding recent efforts to raise federal funds and a federal designation as a national laboratory. Dr. Cook informed the Board that he had spoken with Senator Mitch McConnell today and encouraged him to work with us on our e-health initiatives. Motion carried.

#### **Healthcare Infrastructure Authority**

Dr. Bob Esterhay reported on the Kentucky e-Health Network Strategic Planning Retreat being planned for July 10, 2008 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM at the Good Shepherd Community Center in Frankfort. The goal of the retreat will be to identify a strategic planning framework to propose to the Kentucky e-Health Network Board which will include: a bold and inspiring vision statement; a consensus Ke-HN mission statement; and a process and timeline for developing an updated Ke-HN strategic plan. The current vision statement and mission statement approved by the Ke-HN Board will be reviewed and updated accordingly. Background reading materials can be located at: <http://sites.google.com/site/khiauthority/ke-hn-strategic-plan-2008>.

Participants are requested to review the Executive Summary from the Office of National Coordinator for HIT of the Strategic Plan 2008-2012 which identifies the goals and objectives of the federal government; the Kentucky Action Plan; the Kentucky e-Health Research Report and the Greater Louisville e-Health Research Report 2007 which included information collected from surveys and focus groups; a published Federal Terminology Document which defines regional health information organizations, health information exchanges, definitions of an electronic health record, an electronic medical record, and a personal health record, etc.; KHI-Authority's "Moving Forward" PowerPoint Presentation; Medical Trading Area PowerPoint Presentation; and the Lt. Governor's Vision Document.

#### **Ad Hoc Governance Group**

Dr. Esterhay reported that the Board Co-Chairs are contacting individuals to determine their willingness to participate in this group to discuss collaborative governance. A meeting will be scheduled and participants will be notified. It was suggested that an attorney with expertise in corporate law be appointed to the ad hoc group. Dr. Cook and Dr. Steltenkamp will work with staff to identify if this expertise is available within state government and if not the university law schools may be able to pro bono legal services.

#### **Medical Trading Areas Project Update**

Ray Austin, PhD and Carol Hanchette, PhD with the University of Louisville updated the Board on the Medical Trade Area Analysis and Mapping Project currently underway. The purpose of the project is to provide information that will assist in the development of Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs) and Health Information Exchanges (HIE) in Kentucky. Project information will be used by the Kentucky Healthcare Infrastructure Authority and the Kentucky e-Health Network Board and its committees as they make recommendations and decisions about defining the boundaries and functions of Kentucky's RHIOs and HIEs.

An important starting point is identifying the prevailing geographic patterns of patient and healthcare provider interactions. The MTA mapping project is a computer-based geographic information system (GIS) which uses a geo-referenced relational database to analyze and display geographic patterns of patient and health provider interactions. Sources of data include Kentucky Medicaid Claims Data, Kentucky Hospital Association Patient Origin Data, and Commercial Health Insurers.

Current status of the MTA mapping project consists of pilot testing with the Medicaid data to determine geographic methods of analyses. Those methods will be applied to the Kentucky Hospital Association data. There are 10,000+ county-to-county records for both Kentucky and out of state. Fields of data include member county, provider county, number of members, patient origin and patient destination. Thiessen polygons are used to determine centers for spatial interactions such as hospital locations, major cities, county seats, etc.

Next steps are to obtain specific data sets from the commercial health insurers, refine claims data input as necessary, and review the GIS mapping output with appropriate e-Health stakeholder groups. The timetable for completion of the project is scheduled for the end of August.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 6, 2008 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM at the Capitol Annex, Room 129.

Submitted by Donna Veno  
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